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TODAY:

Mostly sunny with a high of 66 and a low of 42.

FRIDAY:

Cloudy with a high of 70 and a low of 43.

SATURDAY:

Scattered showers with a high of 70 and a low of 45.

SUNDAY:

Scattered showers with a high of 73 and a low of 47.

verbatim

"It's not the drunken sailors anymore. I've tattooed doctors, lawyers and... ministers."

Letitia Sterling

Cars Vandalized In Sunken Lot



Alyssa Best/Bullet

Cars in the Sunken lot.

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH
News Editor

On Monday, junior Mark Sturm received a phone call telling him that numerous cars in the Sunken Rd. lot had been vandalized.

"I was pretty sure my car would be vandalized," Sturm said. Sturm's car wasn't damaged, but his roommate Greg Sdeo's was.

"I'm pretty agitated," Sdeo said. "At first, I didn't think it was that bad. It's going to run me a couple hundred dollars." Sdeo's car was one of 48 that police say were vandalized after 10 p.m. Sunday night. The vandals scratched paint and broke windows, causing an estimated \$15,000 damage.

According to Lt. James Snipes, the police department was alerted of the crime Monday morning, and officers spent the day recording the damage and trying to contact students whose cars were vandalized.

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Phillip Griffith/Bullet

Dancing With A Little Multicultural Flair

Performers at Saturday's 12th annual Multicultural Fair. The fair, themed Peace Through Understanding, attempted to remember the terrorist events of Sept. 11. Thousands of people, including student and members of the Fredericksburg community, attended the event, which featured 28 different performances.

Welcome Week Leaders To Debut But Various Campus Groups Claim New Policy Is Unfair

By LINDSAY BEATON
Staff Writer

This summer, a new group of students will be on campus to help welcome, move in, and show around incoming freshmen, but not all students are happy about this change.

Welcome Week Leaders are a group of current Mary Washington College students who are selected from a volunteer application pool to assist incoming students "with the transition into college life." Their responsibilities will include meeting with a selected group of 8-10 students at least twice during Welcome Week, helping with the move-in, assisting with scheduled Welcome Week programs, and attending those programs with their groups, say college officials.

"[In the past] we had an ambassador program," said Tami Goodstein, director of Student Activities. "The only thing that they did was move students in from their cars to the residence halls. And a few would sometimes help out with some of the programs. But there was not that outreach, and the meetings, and attending the events with the students, with an assigned group of students that are involved in this program."

Goodstein added that outreach is their biggest focus, and during the Student Affairs retreat in January, college officials decided that they needed to change some things.

Some say that this new program creates more problems than solutions. Amber Rector, a sophomore member of the Campus Christian Community, said that the selectivity of the program puts many other programs at a disadvantage.

"I have no problem with the idea of having certain people picked to help out, but then they're not letting other people who come back for other reasons come back," she said.

"The main purpose for [the CCC] coming back early is that we have a two day planning retreat where we go through our ideas for the whole semester to plan events. We'd help out the freshmen and then go on our retreat. It's important that our whole ministry team gets back at the same time and gets together," she said.

Rector also said that her pastor informed them that they would be told to leave the campus if they came back early.

Tricia Pavlik, a senior and a member of the Catholic Student Association, said that the new program sounds great, but she said that she's disappointed by the loss of the group effort it was in the past.

"I think that it's a good idea to have people assigned to the students and to give them a constant contact," she said. "But I think it's also kind of a shame that they're selecting people rather than letting everyone do it. The application process might deter

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Alyssa Best/Bullet

Students at the Eagle's Nest.

Wood Company Combats Thefts

By ALBERT KUGEL
Assistant News Editor

Recently, the Wood Company has had reason to believe it has had problems with students stealing from the Eagle's Nest.

According to Wood Company employees, students with meal plans have been walking out the door with food because the lines are too long or students have been eating food while in line. As a result,

Wood has asked the Presidential Dining Hall Committee for possible solutions.

Director of Operations for the Eagle's Nest Noah Ristau said that students simply need to be educated that the Wood Company loses money every time a student walks out with food and does not have their card swiped.

"Students have to realize that when you pay for a meal plan, you're paying MWC, not

the Wood Company," he said. "So, when you don't swipe your card and leave with food, we don't get paid."

Ristau said there are two reasons why dining services are sure there is theft.

"First of all, if you know you bought a number of products, and you can see you didn't sell that many, then they're walking out the door," he said. "Secondly, we can see it happening. It's pretty clear

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245 Students Waiting For Housing

By JOHN SPACEK
Staff Writer

"I have no clue what I am going to do," said sophomore Taryn Friend.

Neither do many of the other students whose names are on the waiting list to find on-campus housing next year.

In a week where students make their on-campus housing choices for next year, a record 245 of their peers will have to wait for possible last minute vacancies to open up, nearly 60 more than last year.

The Office of Residence Life and Housing now faces even more pressure to find housing for the students. While in previous years the office has been able to accommodate students as vacancies opened, it may not be able to do so this year, especially with such a large number of students on the waiting list.

"Every year is different. If I had a crystal ball, I would know if I could find housing for all these students, but I don't," said Director of Residence Life Christine Porter.

Complicating the situation even further is that nearly all the students who got a lottery number to proceed through housing selection paid their housing deposit as well. This prevented students on the waiting list from getting off before housing selections began as was the case last year.

The waiting list is the creation of a new housing policy the office instituted last year. Facing greater demands for on-campus housing, Residence Life instituted a new policy that gave rising sophomores priority in receiving lottery numbers with rising

juniors and seniors receiving the spaces left over.

That year 190 rising juniors and seniors were on the waiting list.

However, as students with lottery numbers failed to pay their \$200 deposits, many students were quickly taken off the waiting list, often before housing selections had begun.

That is not the case this year as nearly all the students with lottery numbers paid their deposits, according to Porter. That means none of the students on the waiting list were able to leave before housing selections started.

Residence Life members did not expect the process to run entirely smoothly, especially after having to deal with housing shortages for four years in a row.

"It was a little surprising that nobody could be taken off the waiting list. But, with the way things are going, it may not be that surprising," Porter said.

College administrators are also at pains to find more housing for students, even as plans have slowed because of state budget cuts. The Mary Washington College Real Estate Foundation was able to purchase the Mary's Heights apartment complex for \$8.75 million in November. The complex is expected to open for college students in Fall 2003.

However, none of this is helpful for the students without housing this year.

Sophomore Jennifer Warren, number 168 on the waiting list, is considering leaving the college if she does not get housing soon. A native of

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Police Beat

By CAROLYN MURRAY
Assistant News Editor



April 3—At 12:30 a.m., police received a call that there was a smell of gas in Russell Hall. An officer went to the building and found four students attempting to put out a small fire with a chemical fire extinguisher. The smell of gas was actually lighter fluid that the students had poured into a jar of peanuts, police said. Students had then lit the jar on fire, five feet from the rear exit of Russell Hall. All four students were referred to the administration.

April 5—A Resident Assistant in Mason Hall called for police to confiscate alcohol found in a room occupied by underage students. Nine people were in the room, but one person was a nonstudent over the age of 21, and was not charged. The remaining eight students were referred to the administration.

April 6—Fourteen underage students in Virginia Hall were found to be in possession of alcohol. Police confiscated over two cases

of beer and one empty liquor bottle. None of the students was intoxicated. All of them, however, were referred to the administration.

April 6—At 1 a.m., an incident of assault and battery in Alvey Hall was reported. The victim was transported to Mary Washington Hospital, but did not wish to press charges, police said.

April 7—At 12:09 p.m., police confiscated eight beers and a half bottle of Smirnoff's from a student in Mason Hall. The student was referred to the administration.

April 9—An incident of grand larceny of a musical instrument in Pollard Hall was reported. The instrument, valued at \$2500, had last been seen in an instrument locker in the building. Later that evening, an officer found the instrument in an office in Pollard, presumably put there for safekeeping, police said.

Student Groups Say They Are Unwelcome At Welcome Week

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some of the students from helping, and I think it loses some of the community sense of many different groups helping out. [In the old program], people who were interested would sign up to move in early and just help. It was just people who wanted to help out the freshmen. Now it's a selected few."

Goodstein said that there are a couple major differences between this new program and the old Ambassadors program.

"The students who are selected to be Welcome Week Leaders will go through a training process," she said. "Whereas the Ambassadors really just came back early, met with us for an hour, got their assignments, and really just went on their way."

She said that they want to make sure that the leaders will have the necessary skills and information they'll need to be successful.

Eighty to 90 students will be chosen to be Welcome Week Leaders.

Pavlik wishes they wouldn't limit the number of people.

"It's a shame that they're limiting it, because campus ministries probably brought 60 or 70 people on their own, and COAR brought a lot of people, too," she said. "I liked the idea of many different groups helping out and representing many groups on campus."

Goodstein said that anyone who was part of the old program is more than welcome to be part of the new program.

"We met with the Ambassador group to explain the changes in the program," she said. "And told them that as many members of their organization who would like are more than welcome to apply to be Welcome Week Leaders. So we're hoping that they'll continue to support the program in its new format as they always have, and that we'll have a number of folks from their organization who want to continue their involvement in welcome week."

Rector said that applying would not solve her group's problems, or any of the others'.

"There is no guarantee that everyone who needs to be back would get picked," she said. "[And even] if we did that, we'd have to help out with all the freshmen orientation stuff, leaving us no time to plan for our own events."

Anna Khandrueva, a freshman who is going to be a Welcome Week Leader this summer, said

that this program is something she wishes she had had at the beginning of the year.

"The program sounds like it will be very helpful to freshmen," Khandrueva said. "They will have a chance to communicate with the Welcome Week Leaders closely, and ask any questions they might have outside of the information they're provided with. I also think it will make them feel like a part of the college and more at ease. It's definitely better to have someone available who can help you understand things like registration, transfer credits, and meal plans. I had the admissions staff, but I wanted the students' perspective."

Goodstein agreed. "Basically what the students are looking for when they come here is to develop a connection with someone who's already here and they're looking for a sense of belonging," she said. "And we really feel that this program is a way of helping them do that. It will really help folks come to campus and really feel like they can make that connection with somebody who's here, and really begin to feel like a part of the Mary Washington College community, and begin to understand what being part of the MWC community is all about."

She said that since all the Welcome Week Leaders were once freshmen themselves, they can empathize with the new students, an integral part of the purpose of this program.

Khandrueva said that she is looking forward to doing just that.

"This semester was my first semester as a Washington Guide," she said. "I really enjoyed working with the prospective students and their families, so I decided to become a Welcome Week Leader to help the freshmen adjust to college life and help them understand how things work at Mary Washington."

Goodstein said that, overall, the reaction to the program has been positive.

"We're very excited about it. We're very excited about the number of people who have expressed an interest in being involved in being a Welcome Week Leader considering this is our first year," she said. "We're very encouraged by the amount of support we've seen on campus."

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"No one officially asked me to do anything, so I'm not concerned with it," he said. Police Director Stanley Beyer said there is a simple solution to the theft issue in the Nest. "All you have to do is have an employee watch over the line," he said. "That would prevent people from stealing what they haven't paid for."



New York City Mayor Part of an Ad Campaign to Legalize Marijuana?

Michael Bloomberg, billionaire mayor of New York City will soon appear on posters for the decriminalization of marijuana, according to Reuters News Service. The NORML Foundation, a group geared toward the legalization of marijuana, announced Tuesday that it plans to launch a \$500,000 campaign for pot legalization, and will include a quote by the New York City mayor saying, "You bet I [smoked marijuana]. And I enjoyed it." Bloomberg made the statement in the April 16, 2001 issue of New York Magazine, but doesn't support the ad campaign by NORML. "I'm not thrilled," Bloomberg said of his appearance on the posters. He told Reuters that all marijuana laws will continue to be enforced.

Running of the Bulls in Arizona?

Scottsdale, Ariz. may have an unforgettable Cinco de Mayo celebration this year, with a planned bull run similar to the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, Spain. According to Reuters News Service, Phil Immordino, promoter for the event, said the people who enter may be a little crazy. "You probably have to be a little off to do this," Immordino said. The participant bulls will weigh around 1,200 pounds, and runners will have to try and keep ahead of them for one third of a mile. For safety, there will be pullouts every 100 feet for people who feel they may not make it further. Also, according to Immordino, the bulls in Arizona will be tamer than the dangerous breed in Spain. Runners will have to pay \$60 to run all the races, or \$25 for one race and \$10 for any additional runs.

WHO Says Get Off Your Bum

The director general of the World Health Organization ordered couch potatoes of the world to get off their bums and exercise, Reuters News Service reports. Gro Harlem Brundtland spoke in San Paulo, Brazil on April 7, World Health Day, and said that this organization has taken on "an epidemic of inactivity" that leads to a number of illnesses including obesity, diabetes and heart conditions. "We have a cure," Brundtland said. "It's 30 minutes of physical exercise a day. It's taking the kids to school on foot or taking a walk around the park," she told reporters at a Sao Paulo city news conference. "It's using the stairs instead of the elevator. It's getting off the sofa and moving." The WHO has named its new campaign "Move for Health."

Flashy Shoes Cause Airport Scare

Someone wearing battery powered shoes sparked a security scare in San Francisco Airport where officials roped off a departure terminal Wednesday, Reuters News Service reports. Mike McCarron, airport spokesman, said the battery in the man's shoe caught the eye of security personnel at the X-ray machine. "It turns out it was some kind of heated shoe of some type—I don't know what that means—but they've run the passenger's name through the records and it comes up clean right now." The passenger is still being detained for investigation, but McCarron said the situation no longer appears serious. There were no flight delays expected. Airport personnel have begun random shoe checks since December when Richard Reid, 28, a passenger on a plane, tried to set off explosives hidden in his footwear.

Housing Process Not Fun For Some More Students Than Ever Before Placed On Waiting List



Kathleen Tripodi/Bulletin

Seniors Alexis Wright and Andrew Kohr led Wednesday's housing selection.

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New Jersey, Warren says it will be very difficult to find off-campus housing this late in the year.

"I can't think about that right now. I've got projects and finals coming up. Looking for an apartment is not one of my top priorities," Warren said. "I'm just stuck in a really bad situation right now and the stress isn't something that I need to deal with."

Many students who fault Residence Life for lack of communication. Many students on the waiting list had expected a phone call or email, telling them if they would get off the waiting list. But, students had to wait until Tuesday, a day after the first day of housing selection began, to be told in a mass email that nobody would be getting off the waiting list.

"They had from last Friday to this

Monday to sort out all the numbers, but they didn't tell us anything," Sophomore Taryn Friend said.

Friend complained that the Office of Residence Life and Housing has been vague with the procedures.

"I know there are numbers out there, but they are too lazy to look," Friend said.

Junior Paul Drake and sophomore Kevin Boyd agree. Both were planning to live together next year and waited all day on Monday hoping to hear whether Drake had come off the waiting list, but no word came.

"I found another roommate four hours before homesteading," Boyd said.

Drake was able to become Boyd's roommate after finding a resident assistant to live with. Students on the waiting list are able to receive housing if they live with a RA or Head Desk

Aide. "I did not quell Drake's frustration."

"They wait to tell us until the day after homesteading to tell us anything, almost to add insult to injury," Drake said. "I respect their work, but there is a breakdown in considering the needs of students and open communication."

But Residence Life staffers say they are doing the best they can.

"No matter what there are going to be people unhappy with how the process is done," Porter said.

In the meantime, Friend says she will keep calling Residence Life until she hears something.

"I'm not going to have a car next year. How am I going to be able to get to class?" Friend said.

Warren, on the other hand, says she doesn't have time to think everything out.

"I'm not sure how it's going to turn out," Warren said. "If I don't get on-campus housing and no apartments are available, leaving is definitely a consideration."

Stealing From The Nest?

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to see students walking out the door with food they have not paid for."

Ristau said he does not want to bring students up on honor charges because the Wood Company wants to maintain a good relationship with the student body.

"We've talked to the Presidential Dining Hall Committee, which acts as a liaison between the Wood Company and the students and faculty for feedback on how we could solve the problem," he said.

According to the Co-Chair of the Presidential Dining Hall Committee Rebecca Foster, possible actions included a news article printed in *The Bulletin* and asking the Honor Council to post flyers around campus educating students that stealing is indeed an honor

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CORRECTION:

In last week's issue, the article entitled "State Cuts Minority Programs' Budget" should have read that the minority program was not cut by Virginia State University and Hampton University.

Viewpoints

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Editorial

Bye Bye To One Of College's Best

Police Director Stanley Beger's upcoming retirement on June 24 will take something away from everyone at the college, except for Chief Beger. He says that he is leaving to enjoy the finer things in life, such as gardening and fishing, and we would like to wish him well.

Beger's leadership of the Mary Washington College Police Department has come out of a genuine concern for all the members of the college community. During his term as Police Director for the past five years, Beger has addressed issues of safety using simple common sense.

To Beger, the actions of some students over the years have left him bewildered. He once expressed disbelief that students don't want to give their social security number to campus police officers, where the records will be secure. However, Beger noticed that if a random vendor offered students T-shirts in exchange for personal information, then students would flock and give out all sorts of information.

Beger told a *Bullet* reporter that he has worked for almost 50 years, since he was 13, and his retirement is undoubtedly well deserved. While we agree, those of us at *The Bulletin* will miss him, and we regret his leaving the college, even though we know that like all good things, and people, this too will pass.

Are Housing Troubles Hogwash?

This year's housing selection process is being done through a lottery system, which was implemented last year. All rising sophomores receive lottery numbers, while only a percentage of rising juniors and seniors receive numbers. According to the Department of Residence Life and Housing, there are 245 student on the waiting list and none of these people can be moved from the list right now, because most of the students who had lottery numbers paid their \$200 housing deposits.

It's hard to believe that a large majority of the students who received lottery numbers paid their housing deposits. A lot of students on special interest floors, students living with residence assistants, and students who have decided to live off-campus got lottery numbers but may not have paid their housing deposits because they did not need them.

Also, some students who received lottery numbers wanted to room with someone who didn't receive a number, therefore they have been forced to room with another student who has a lottery number, who they most likely do not know.

Close, But No Cigar MWC Does Not Accommodate People With Disabilities

COLIN GOLD

Guest Columnist

I am the only residential student in a wheelchair. Some of you may know me as the kid in your class who uses a special handicapped-equipment desk in order to conduct regular classroom activities.

Others of you may remember me by my circuitous routes that I take to classes avoiding hills and other obstructions. Still others,

Alvey residents in particular, are familiar with me in regard to the incessant beeping of the alarm to my back entrance of the dorm.

These hardships I can live with. I am not impressed, but I will not suffer too much by accepting them. What really angers me is when someone or something tries to prevent me from succeeding, whether as a student, as a young adult, or as a human being.

In this case, I am talking about Mary Washington College's policy on accommodating persons with disabilities.

I'm sure everyone is familiar with, and fed up with the housing process: the inconvenience of waiting in line for hours to sign up for a room, the frustration of not getting the room you want because of your lottery number, the hopelessness that you feel due to the fact that you can't room with your friends from the previous year.

Well, guess what. I didn't have to deal with the first two qualms, but the third one was taken to the extreme.

Going into the housing selection process, I was aware that I had very few choices of where to live my sophomore year due to the number of accessible rooms on campus. I had no idea my choice was realistically narrowed down to one dorm, Willard Hall.

Not only did my friends not want to live in Willard, they probably couldn't have since it fills up so fast. Had I been provided more possibilities, I would have decided to move to another dorm where we could all live together. But I wasn't, and I couldn't.

I asked Residence Life what they planned on doing to accommodate

me. "Nothing" they may as well have replied. I suggested letting two of my friends live next door to me because there was no way I was going to be able to live with them in any other scenario.

That was not something that could be allowed. I fought a long and tiring battle with various offices, reasserting my rights. I wrote emails. I called people on the phone. I had my parents try and convince the school that they were violating my rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act. I even contacted a local professional who knows the laws regarding disabled citizens' rights.

Not once did the school seriously consider what I was proposing. Now that housing selection is over, it is too late for any room changes to be made. So, my roommate and I are stuck somewhere isolated from our friends because I am in a wheelchair and therefore cannot be afforded the same privileges as able-bodied people.

Furthermore, I am not able to visit many of my friends because their dorms are not accessible to wheelchairs. Others have stairs up to the front door. Some I can get in the door, but there is no elevator to get to the desired floor.

Some dorms are down hills that seem to be even harder to walk up. So basically, next year I will be forced

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Not So Stellar Students Find Bias In Media Hiring

Dear Editor:

Media bias is not a particularly new issue. Racist undertones have always been present in the news, and whether overt or subtle, prejudice runs rampant. It has become increasingly obvious that the local Fredericksburg newspaper *The Free Lance-Star* is guilty of down-playing issues of systemic injustice and inequality.

The manner of reporting and the ways articles are framed have been disturbing to many African American readers in the paper's distribution area.

In researching back issues of the paper since 1995, we have found that the representation of minorities, especially African Americans, is anything but equitable. African Americans are pictured in less than 2% of the paper, with the exception of the Sports/Entertainment column.

The articles relating to issues faced by blacks are severely limited, while articles regarding black criminals are found frequently.

We have also come across inequality in employment practices at *The Free Lance-Star*. The American Society of Newspaper Editors conducts an annual newspaper employment census of daily

"At a minimum, the paper should employ journalists that reflect the diversity of its community."

Loah Voolker and Mary Wyche

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Letters to the Editor

To The Students, "Thank You" From The Wood Company

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the entire Dining Services team, I would like to thank the students of Mary Washington College for the wonderful relationship we have enjoyed with the college.

Your thoughtful feedback and comments over the past several years have inspired our team to work hard developing new ideas and innovative programs aimed at meeting your high expectations. Without you there would be no challenge to try and improve what we do each and every semester, it is this challenge that makes our jobs so much fun!

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us, from the managers to the line servers, the cashiers, the caterers, the kitchen crews and support staffs. We spend a lot of time at Mary Washington College and appreciate feeling so welcome.

I am proud of the hard work that our Dining Services team does every day and will never be able to tell them enough that they are the best group of people I have ever had the privilege to work with. Thank you for being able to do that and so much more just by visiting us at Seacobeck or the Eagle's Nest and making all of their hard work worthwhile.

We look forward to what the future will hold for us and for you at Mary Washington College. As always, please let us know what we can continue to do to make your dining experience better for you. We look forward

to the opportunity to continue to work for you in the coming years!

Noah Ristau is the Director of Dining Service Operations.

Au Revoir Les Étudiants

Dear Editor:

Before the end of this semester takes us on different paths, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all my students who supported my application for the one-year Visiting Assistant Professor position in the French Program.

I know how deeply hurt and disappointed you were that the "system" whose leitmotif is "quality teaching" chose to ignore you, and your teacher, completely.

To hearten you, always remember that "Mme Evangelauf" has never let you down, that she always believed in your potential, that she always urged you to think beyond the confines of Mary Washington College and Fredericksburg and to make a constant effort to contribute the least amount possible to the mediocrity that surrounds all of us.

I refused to return to the French Program as a part-timer for the fall semester. You should know that I leave Mary Washington College with the satisfaction that, for sure, I succeeded in inspiring quite a few among you. What more can a teacher wish for?

Thank you again.

Dr. Elvira Evangelauf is an Adjunct Professor of French.

Bullet Letter and Editorial Policy

The *Bullet* is always eager to receive letters to the editor and guest columns, and every effort is made to print them. If there are numerous letters on one subject, a sampling of the best letters will be selected.

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Police Beat

By CAROLYN MURRAY
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April 3—At 12:30 a.m., police received a call that there was a smell of gas in Russell Hall. An officer went to the building and found four students attempting to put out a small fire with a chemical fire extinguisher. The smell of gas was actually lighter fluid that the students had poured into a jar of peanuts, police said. Students had then lit the jar on fire, five feet from the rear exit of Russell Hall. All four students were referred to the administration.

April 5—A Resident Assistant in Mason Hall called for police to confiscate alcohol found in a room occupied by underage students. Nine people were in the room, but one person was a nonstudent over the age of 21, and was not charged. The remaining eight students were referred to the administration.

April 6—Fourteen underage students in Virginia Hall were found to be in possession of alcohol. Police confiscated over two cases

of beer and one empty liquor bottle. None of the students was intoxicated. All of them, however, were referred to the administration.

April 6—At 1 a.m., an incident of assault and battery in Alvey Hall was reported. The victim was transported to Mary Washington Hospital, but did not wish to press charges, police said.

April 7—At 12:09 p.m., police confiscated eight beers and a half bottle of Smirnoff's from a student in Mason Hall. The student was referred to the administration.

April 9—An incident of grand larceny of a musical instrument in Pollard Hall was reported. The instrument, valued at \$2500, had last been seen in an instrument locker in the building. Later that evening, an officer found the instrument in an office in Pollard, presumably put there for safekeeping, police said.

Student Groups Say They Are Unwelcome At Welcome Week

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some of the students from helping, and I think it loses some of the community sense of many different groups helping out. [In the old program], people who were interested would sign up to move in early and just help. It was just people who wanted to help out the freshmen. Now it's a selected few."

Goodstein said that there are a couple major differences between this new program and the old Ambassadors program.

"The students who are selected to be Welcome Week Leaders will go through a training process," she said. "Whereas the Ambassadors really just came back early, met with us for an hour, got their assignments, and really just went on their way."

She said that they want to make sure that the leaders will have the necessary skills and information they'll need to be successful.

Eighty to 90 students will be chosen to be Welcome Week Leaders.

Pavlik wishes they wouldn't limit the number of people.

"It's a shame that they're limiting it, because campus ministries probably brought 60 or 70 people on their own, and COAR brought a lot of people, too," she said. "I liked the idea of many different groups helping out and representing many groups on campus."

Goodstein said that anyone who was part of the old program is more than welcome to be part of the new program.

"We met with the Ambassador group to explain the changes in the program," she said. "And told them that as many members of their organization who would like are more than welcome to apply to be Welcome Week Leaders. So we're hoping that they'll continue to support the program in its new format as they always have, and that we'll have a number of folks from their organization who want to continue their involvement in welcome week."

Rector said that applying would not solve her group's problems, or any of the others.

"There is no guarantee that everyone who needs to be back would get picked," she said. "[And even] if we did that, we'd have to help out with all the freshmen orientation stuff, leaving us no time to plan for our own events."

Anna Khandrueva, a freshman who is going to be a Welcome Week Leader this summer, said

that this program is something she wishes she had had at the beginning of the year.

"The program sounds like it will be very helpful to freshmen," Khandrueva said. "They will have a chance to communicate with the Welcome Week Leaders closely, and ask any questions they might have outside of the information they're provided with. I also think it will make them feel like a part of the college and more at ease. It's definitely better to have someone available who can help you understand things like registration, transfer credits, and meal plans. I had the admissions staff, but I wanted the students' perspective."

Goodstein agreed. "Basically what the students are looking for when they come here is to develop a connection with someone who's already here and they're looking for a sense of belonging," she said. "And we really feel that this program is a way of helping them do that. It will really help folks come to campus and really feel like they can make that connection with somebody who's here, and really begin to feel like a part of the Mary Washington College community, and begin to understand what being part of the MWC community is all about."

She said that since all the Welcome Week Leaders were once freshmen themselves, they can empathize with the new students, an integral part of the purpose of this program.

Khandrueva said that she is looking forward to doing just that.

"This semester was my first semester as a Washington Guide," she said. "I really enjoyed working with the prospective students and their families, so I decided to become a Welcome Week Leader to help the freshmen adjust to college life and help them understand how things work at Mary Washington."

Goodstein said that, overall, the reaction to the program has been positive.

"We're very excited about it. We're very excited about the number of people who have expressed an interest in being involved in being a Welcome Week Leader considering this is our first year," she said. "We're very encouraged by the amount of support we've seen on campus."

"[The committee] thought that educating students about stealing would make them realize that not only is it an honor violation, but it will eventually hurt everyone on campus by having the meal rates go up," Foster said. "According to Honor Council President Andy Painter, he was never officially contacted by Dining Services."

"No one officially asked me to do anything, so I'm not concerned with it," he said. Police Director Stanley Beger said there is a simple solution to the theft issue in the Nest. "All you have to do is have an employee watch over the line," he said. "That would prevent people from stealing what they haven't paid for."

Stealing From The Nest?

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to see students walking out the door with food they have not paid for."

Ristau said he does not want to bring students up on honor charges because the Wood Company wants to maintain a good relationship with the student body.

"We've talked to the Presidential Dining Hall Committee, which acts as a liaison between the Wood Company and the students and faculty for feedback on how we could solve the problem," he said.

According to the Co-Chair of the Presidential Dining Hall Committee Rebecca Foster, possible actions included a news article printed in *The Bulletin* and asking the Honor Council to post flyers around campus educating students that stealing is indeed an honor



New York City Mayor Part of an Ad Campaign to Legalize Marijuana?

Michael Bloomberg, billionaire mayor of New York City will soon appear on posters for the decriminalization of marijuana, according to Reuters News Service. The NORML Foundation, a group geared toward the legalization of marijuana, announced Tuesday that it plans to launch a \$500,000 campaign for pot legalization, and will include a quote by the New York City mayor saying, "You bet I [smoked marijuana]. And I enjoyed it." Bloomberg made the statement in the April 16, 2001 issue of New York Magazine, but doesn't support the ad campaign by NORML. "I'm not thrilled," Bloomberg said of his appearance on the posters. He told Reuters that all marijuana laws will continue to be enforced.

Running of the Bulls in Arizona?

Scottsdale, Ariz. may have an unforgettable Cinco de Mayo celebration this year, with a planned bull run similar to the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, Spain. According to Reuters News Service, Phil Immodino, promoter for the event, said the people who enter may be a little crazy. "You probably have to be a little off to do this," Immodino said. The participant bulls will weigh around 1,200 pounds, and runners will have to try and keep ahead of them for one third of a mile. For safety, there will be pullouts every 100 feet for people who feel they may not make it further. Also, according to Immodino, the bulls in Arizona will be tamer than the dangerous breed in Spain. Runners will have to pay \$60 to run all the races, or \$25 for one race and \$10 for any additional runs.

WHO Says Get Off Your Bum

The director general of the World Health Organization ordered couch potatoes of the world to get off their bums and exercise, Reuters News Service reports. Gro Harlem Brundtland spoke in San Paulo, Brazil on April 7, World Health Day, and said that his organization has taken on "an epidemic of inactivity" that leads to a number of illnesses including obesity, diabetes and heart conditions. "We have a cure," Brundtland said. "It's 30 minutes of physical exercise a day. It's taking the kids to school on foot or taking a walk around the park," she told reporters at a Sao Paulo city news conference. "It's using the stairs instead of the elevator. It's getting off the sofa and moving." The WHO has named its new campaign "Move for Health."

Flashy Shoes Cause Airport Scare

Someone wearing battery powered shoes sparked a security scare in San Francisco Airport where officials roped off a departure terminal Wednesday, Reuters News Service reports. Mike McCarron, airport spokesman, said the battery in the man's shoe caught the eye of security personnel at the X-ray machine. "It turns out it was some kind of heated shoe of some type - I don't know what that means - but they've run the passenger's name through the records and it comes up clear right now." The passenger is still being detained for investigation, but McCarron said the situation no longer appears serious. There were no flight delays expected. Airport personnel have begun random shoe checks since December when Richard Reid, 28, a passenger on a plane, tried to set off explosives hidden in his footwear.

Housing Process Not Fun For Some More Students Than Ever Before Placed On Waiting List



Kathleen Tripodi/Bulletin

Seniors Alexis Wright and Andrew Kohr led Wednesday's housing selection.

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New Jersey, Warren says it will be very difficult to find off-campus housing this late in the year.

"I can't think about that right now. I've got projects and finals coming up. Looking for an apartment is not one of my top priorities," Warren said. "I'm just stuck in a really bad situation right now and the stress isn't something that I need to deal with."

Many students also fault Residence Life for lack of communication. Many students on the waiting list had expected a phone call or email, telling them if they would get off the waiting list. But, students had to wait until Tuesday, a day after the first day of housing selection began, to be told in a mass email that nobody would be getting off the waiting list.

"They had from last Friday to this

Monday to sort out all the numbers, but they didn't tell us anything," Sophomore Taryn Friend said. Friend complained that the Office of Residence Life and Housing has been vague with the procedures.

"I know there are numbers out there, but they are too lazy to look," Friend said. Junior Paul Drake and sophomore Kevin Boyd agree. Both were planning to live together next year and waited all day on Monday hoping to hear whether Drake had come off the waiting list, but no word came.

"I found another roommate four hours before homesteading," Boyd said. Drake was able to become Boyd's roommate after finding a resident assistant to live with. Students on the waiting list are able to receive housing if they live with a RA or Head Desk

Aide.

That did not quell Drake's frustration.

"They wait to tell us until the day after homesteading to tell us anything, almost to add insult to injury," Drake said. "I respect their work, but there is a breakdown in considering the needs of students and open communication."

But Residence Life staffers say they are doing the best they can.

"No matter what there are going to be people unhappy with how the process is done," Porter said.

In the meantime, Friend says she will keep calling Residence Life until she hears something.

"I'm not going to have a car next year. How am I going to be able to get to class?" Friend said.

Warren, on the other hand, says she doesn't have time to think everything out.

"I'm not sure how its going to turn out," Warren said. "If I don't get on-campus housing and no apartments are available, leaving is definitely a consideration."

CORRECTION:

In last week's issue, the article entitled "State Cuts Minority Programs' Budget" should have read that the minority program was not cut by Virginia State University and Hampton University.

Viewpoints

your opinions

Editorial

Bye Bye To One Of College's Best

Police Director Stanley Beger's upcoming retirement on June 24 will take something away from everyone at the college, except for Chief Beger. He says that he is leaving to enjoy the finer things in life, such as gardening and fishing, and we would like to wish him well.

Beger's leadership of the Mary Washington College Police Department has come out of a genuine concern for all the members of the college community. During his term as Police Director for the past five years, Beger has addressed issues of safety using simple common sense.

To Beger, the actions of some students over the years have left him bewildered. He once expressed disbelief that students don't want to give their social security number to campus police officers, where the records will be secure. However, Beger noticed that if a random vendor offered students T-shirts in exchange for personal information, then students would flock and give out all sorts of information.

Beger told a *Bullet* reporter that he has worked for almost 50 years, since he was 13, and his retirement is undoubtedly well deserved. While we agree, those of us at *The Bulletin* will miss him, and we regret his leaving the college, even though we know that like all good things, and people, this too would pass.

Are Housing Troubles Hogwash?

This year's housing selection process is being done through a lottery system, which was implemented last year. All rising sophomores receive lottery numbers, while only a percentage of rising juniors and seniors receive numbers. According to the Department of Residence Life and Housing, there are 245 student on the waiting list and none of these people can be moved from the list right now, because most of the students who had lottery numbers paid their \$200 housing deposits.

It's hard to believe that a large majority of the students who received lottery numbers paid their housing deposits. A lot of students on special interest floors, students living with residence assistants, and students who have decided to live off-campus got lottery numbers but may not have paid their housing deposits because they did not need them.

Also, some students who received lottery numbers wanted to room with someone who didn't receive a number, therefore they have been forced to room with another student who has a lottery number, who they most likely do not know.

Close, But No Cigar

MWC Does Not Accommodate People With Disabilities

COLIN GOLD

Guest Columnist

I am the only residential student in a wheelchair. Some of you may know me as the kid in your class who uses a special handicapped-equipped desk in order to conduct regular classroom activities.

Others of you may remember me by my circuitous routes that I take to classes avoiding hills and other obstructions. Still others, Alvey residents in particular, are familiar with me in regard to the incessant beeping of the alarm to my back entrance of the dorm.

These hardships I can live with. I am not impressed, but I will not suffer too much by accepting them. What really angers me is when someone or something tries to prevent me from succeeding, whether as a student, as a young adult, or as a human being.

In this case, I am talking about Mary Washington College's policy on accommodating persons with disabilities.

I'm sure everyone is familiar with, and fed up with the housing process: the inconvenience of waiting in line for hours to sign up for a room, the frustration of not getting the room you want because of your lottery number, the hopelessness that you feel due to the fact that you can't room with your friends from the previous year.

Well, guess what. I didn't have to deal with the first two quagmires, but the third one was taken to the extreme.

Going into the housing selection process, I was aware that I had very few choices of where to live my sophomore year due to the number of accessible rooms on campus. I had no idea my choice was realistically narrowed down to one dorm, Willard Hall.

Not only did my friends not want to live in Willard, they probably couldn't have since it fills up so fast. Had I been provided more possibilities, I would have decided to move to another dorm where we could all live together. But it wasn't, and I couldn't.

I asked Residence Life what they planned on doing to accommodate

me. "Nothing" they may as well have replied. I suggested letting two of my friends live next door to me because there was no way I was going to be able to live with them in any other scenario.

That was not something that could be allowed. I fought a long and tiring battle with various offices, reasserting my rights. I wrote emails, I called people on the phone. I had my parents try and convince the school that they were violating my rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act. I even contacted a local professional who knows the laws regarding disabled citizens' rights.

Not once did the school seriously consider what I was proposing. Now that housing selection is over, it is too late for any room changes to be made. So, my roommate and I are stuck somewhere isolated from our friends because I am in a wheelchair and therefore cannot be afforded the same privileges as able-bodied people.

Furthermore, I am not able to visit many of my friends because their dorms are not accessible to wheelchairs. Others have stairs up to the front door. Some I can get in the door, but then there is no elevator to get to the desired floor.

Some dorms are down hills that seem to be even harder to walk up. So basically, next year I will be forced

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Not So Stellar

Students Find Bias In Media Hiring

Dear Editor:

Media bias is not a particularly new issue. Racial undertones have always been present in the news, and whether overt or subtle, prejudice runs rampant. It has become increasingly obvious that the local Fredericksburg newspaper *The Free Lance-Star* is guilty of down-playing issues of systemic injustice and inequality.

The manner of reporting and the ways articles are framed have been disturbing to many African American readers in the paper's distribution area.

In researching back issues of the paper since 1995, we have found that the representation of minorities, especially African Americans, is anything but equitable. African Americans are pictured in less than 2% of the paper, with the exception of the Sports/Entertainment column.

The articles relating to issues faced by blacks are severely limited, while articles regarding black criminals are found frequently.

We have also come across 'inequality in employment practices at *The Free Lance-Star*. The American Society of Newspaper Editors conducts an annual newspaper employment census of daily

"At a minimum, the paper should employ journalists that reflect the diversity of its community."

Leah Voelker and Mary Wyche

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Colin Gold



Letters to the Editor

To The Students, "Thank You" From The Wood Company

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the entire Dining Services team, I would like to thank the students of Mary Washington College for the wonderful relationship we have enjoyed with the college.

Your thoughtful feedback and comments over the past several years have inspired our team to work hard developing new ideas and innovative programs aimed at meeting your high expectations. Without you there would be no challenge to try and improve what we do each and every semester, it is this challenge that makes our jobs so much fun!

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us, from the managers to the line servers, the cashiers, the caterers, the kitchen crews and support staffs. We spend a lot of time at Mary Washington College and appreciate feeling so welcome.

I am proud of the hard work that our Dining Services team does every day and will never be able to tell them enough that they are the best group of people I have ever had the privilege to work with. Thank you for being able to do that and so much more just by visiting us at Seabcoke or the Eagle's Nest and making all of their hard work worthwhile.

We look forward to what the future will hold for us and for you at Mary Washington College. As always, please let us know what we can continue to do to make your dining experience better for you. We look forward

to the opportunity to continue to work for you in the coming years!

Noah Risau is the Director of Dining Service Operations.

Au Revoir Les Étudiants

Dear Editor:

Before the end of this semester takes us on different paths, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all my students who supported my application for the one-year Visiting Assistant Professor position in the French Program.

I know how deeply hurt and disappointed you were that the "system" whose leitmotif is "quality teaching" chose to ignore you, and your teacher, completely.

To hearten you, always remember that "Mme Evangelauf" has never let you down, that she always believed in your potential, that she always urged you to think beyond the confines of Mary Washington College and Fredericksburg and to make a constant effort to contribute the least amount possible to the mediocrity that surrounds all of us.

I refused to return to the French Program as a part-timer for the fall semester. You should know that I leave Mary Washington College with the satisfaction that, for sure, I succeeded in inspiring quite a few among you. What more can a teacher wish for?

Thank you again.

Dr. Elvira Evangelauf is an Adjunct Professor of French.

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Fast Fact:

A short period of time used to be referred to as a "whipstitch."

A Radical Change For Curt Ryan

By ALYSSA BEST

Staff Writer

It's not easy being a campus radical at a small college in a small town. Just ask Associate Professor of Political Science Curt Ryan.

After seven years of teaching at Mary Washington College, Ryan is packing his things and moving this fall to a new teaching position at Appalachian State University. He is not moving because the college is too conservative for him, but to be near his wife.

After the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, Ryan spoke at campus-wide events on the nature of Islam, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and Middle East politics. When many Americans wanted a violent retaliation against Afghanistan, Ryan advocated peace, expressing caution over U.S. military involvement in the Middle East.

At a campus peace rally last October, which drew between 60 and 70 people, Ryan said, "It would be hard to imagine a country that has suffered more in the last 20 odd years than Afghanistan. Its population is more than half refugees and it has the highest infant mortality rate on Earth."

An editorial from the Oct. 10 edition of *The Free-Lance Star* excoriated the professors and students who spoke and attended the peace rallies, calling these individuals "lousy blamers."

Ryan, who noted that the level of tolerance for any kind of dissent radically decreased after the U.S. began its campaign against terrorism, said that he found the editorial to be extremely offensive.

"I don't think they ever mentioned names, but they alluded to professors, and they slammed the student human rights activists," Ryan said, whose areas of specialization include Comparative Politics, International Relations and Middle East Politics. "Their assumption was that being in favor of social justice or peace meant that you were hopelessly naive. It was a really staggeringly arrogant editorial."

Although community members may have disapproved of Ryan's political perspective, campus organizations like the Human Rights Club, Muslim Student Association, and the Multicultural Center invited him to speak at several peace-oriented and teach-in related events.

Distinguished Professor of Political Science John Kramer, who is chairperson of the department, said that his general sense is that Ryan is a liberal democrat on a moderately conservative campus.

"Dr. Ryan's pretty liberal, and that's OK by me," he said.

Ryan will no longer express his liberal views at Mary Washington College. In the fall he will move to be near his wife Allison Gully, who teaches English Literature at Lees-McRae College, a neighboring school in North Carolina.

Four years ago Ryan won the Mortar Board Outstanding Faculty Member Award at Mary Washington College. Students say they enjoy his relaxed lecturing style, but the comfortable learning environment he creates in the classroom does not mean his lectures are not substantive.

In fact, he gives out a lot of information to the class, pausing to clarify points and respond to students' questions.

This was apparent on a recent Tuesday morning during the 11 a.m. section of his Introduction to International Relations course. Dressed in jeans and a green button-down shirt with the shirt sleeves pushed back, Ryan strolled into class and wrote an outline of his lecture on Political Economy on the board.

During class, he provided examples of foreign currency by passing around a collection of bills, including Turkish lira, Jordanian dinar, and Syrian and Egyptian pounds. While leaning back against a desk, he joked, "If you get bored in class, you can play with the money."

After discussing how foreign exchange and trade feature into the political economy, Ryan discussed the concept of international regimes, or political systems. He outlined the three major economic institutions which comprise the final part of the international regime: the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, and World Trade Organization (WTO).

"The IMF provides short-term loans for countries in times of crises while the World Bank focuses on long-term development and big investment projects," he said. "The WTO is seen as tying this all together."

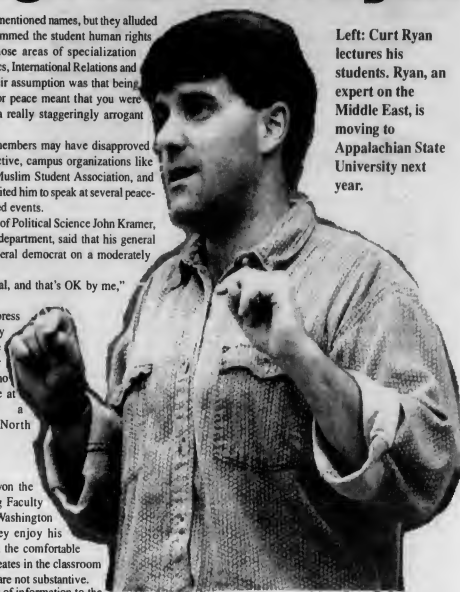
Ryan continued to discuss globalization and the political economy of dissent in the following class lecture. Wearing gray slacks and a black turtleneck, he outlined the arguments for and against the IMF, WTO, and World Bank. He explained that most of the people who protest the organizations are not opposed to globalization but to the policies of these global institutions.

"In particular, the IMF is so controversial because of its intense conditions," he continued, gesturing to emphasize his point.

"It restructuring a country's economy to increasingly privatize and then the unemployment goes up if the country has to sell state companies."

The IMF, WTO, and World Bank are a favorite topic for Ryan, not only academically, but also because he is an activist. However, he said that he does not usually discuss his personal political beliefs or activism in the classroom setting.

Left: Curt Ryan lectures his students. Ryan, an expert on the Middle East, is moving to Appalachian State University next year.



Julienne Gomez/Bullet

"I try not to come across as too hard-core in one direction because my general experience has been that I lose half the class that way," he said. "I believe very deeply in giving the class the critical thinking version of these issues plus the conventional version."

Ryan wrapped up his lecture on the issue of globalization by stating that loosely built coalitions, which consist of environmentalists, human rights advocates, and laborers, protest the organizations because they want to either reform the institutions to include their perspectives or to entirely get rid of the global groups.

Students, such as junior Amelia Rose, were impressed with his lecture.

"I really like the way Dr. Ryan makes politics sound like a soap opera," Rose said, who is also in Ryan's Arab-Israel Conflict seminar. "He'll talk about important political leaders and these scandals that come up, like in Jordanian politics, and he makes it a really funny story instead of straight politics."

Although Ryan is a radical thinker, he recognizes the need to tone down his interests in order to get along with other faculty members. For example, in his office in Monroe Hall, he displays a poster of singer Ani DiFranco on the wall behind his desk, but he plays the soft music of jazz pianist Oscar Peterson from his computer.

"I'm more of a rocker normally, but I don't play it in the office because my neighbors here don't like it," Ryan said. "A lot of the music I like is really political. I see myself as a radical democrat and a flaming feminist, so the music I like and the politics I read about and I'm active in tend to fit that bill."

At home, Ryan listens to female singers like Patti Smith and PJ Harvey, classic bands like The Kinks and the Velvet Underground, and original punk bands like The Clash and The Jam.

While he blasts the stereo, his small, white cat, Kimba, who is deaf, often stands on top of the speakers so he can feel the vibrations from the bass.

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Julienne Gomez/Bullet

thumbs



to impending final exams



to Spring Formal this weekend



to the price of Spring Formal



to the conclusion of housing selection tomorrow



to no one moving off of the housing waiting list yet



to last Friday's Hot Tub Beach Party in front of Monroe Hall

in the stars

Aries - Adventures beckon but it's difficult to overcome limitations and obstacles at this time.

Taurus - Check your plans with Aries and Libra. Realize that what seems to be defeat is only a temporary delay.

Gemini - Don't expect any surprises in your a fine time to discuss it with the person in charge. Open your doors to unhappy neighbors.

Cancer - It's a very good time for legal decisions, justice, investments, and dealings with the public.

Leo - Keep your enthusiasm in check for a new moneymaking project on the way that involves increasing your income.

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After 20 minutes, seven servers passed by, but none bothered to claim us as their table. Laura fidgeted and complained about how long the line was getting, and finally a manager passed by and she got his attention.

"What do you want?" he asked.
"Our server," Laura replied.
He offered to take our order back and we waited for our dinner. A couple in their mid-20s sat in the booth next to us. The woman wore a shirt that read "Caller 97" with a radio station's logo under it, and both of them had lime-green backstage passes on their faded jeans. Her blond, puffy bangs bounced in her eyes as she announced to her server, who was at her table within five minutes, that she had won a radio contest and had just met the members of Creed. Laura's face twisted in jealousy.

"We didn't even know who Creed was," her husband drawled into his cell phone. "I guess they're pretty good or something. They had a nice guitar."

Laura's expression turned from jealousy to exasperation. After mumbling twenty obscenities in a row, she turned to me with an evil grin.
"I'll take the woman," she said.
"You beat up her husband, and we'll pose as them. No one will know."

Sure, no one will know. One problem.

"Laura, I'm not a guy," I said.
She shrugged. "Pull your hair back."

Lesson number two: when attempting to stalk members of the band, dressing as a member of the opposite sex is sometimes necessary.

We waited in the line of 300 people and agonized over whether we would be close enough to be able to figure out which band member was which. We finally got inside and noticed that not even an eighth of the floor had been filled. We ran to the stage, slowed only slightly by the shout of "No running," by an Event Staffer Nazi, and plopped down in our chosen space, ten feet away from the catwalk that Scott Stapp would strut along. Success.

I looked at the people around me. There was the man down to my left wearing a Creed T-shirt with the sleeves cut off and a red bandanna covering his mullet. To my right, a group of high school girls were shivering in their black midriff tank tops. And in front of me, a guy in his 20s wearing a windbreaker was taking his earplugs out of his ears and inspecting them.

After the two opening bands, the crowd was antsy, knowing it was almost time to see their idol in leather. The lights dimmed and the bass line thumped. With no warning, the lights came on, flames exploded from the

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Although my first huge concert was a success, I found that feeling suffocated by thousands of fans with pyrotechnics around five feet in front of me is not one of the coolest thing in the world. I think I'm going to stick to my smaller, more familiar venues, even if there is a notable absence of fistfights in them.

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As Ryan counts off the days left at Mary Washington College, he says that he will miss the faculty, students, and Human Rights Club members. "I honestly can't believe I'm leaving," he said. "I didn't expect to get all chokey when I tell people that I'm leaving."

While he starts to think about selling his house, Ryan also speculates on the future of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East.

He said that the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., were a direct result of U.S. foreign policy and what is required of the U.S. now is a long-term commitment to Afghanistan.

"My hope is that, at this point, the war is brought to an end and we get an actual power-sharing government in Afghanistan," he said. "I also hope that the amount of effort that the U.S. puts into the military part could be done in a social and economic development aspect to rebuild the country, but not in an imperial way."

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It's not easy being a campus radical at a small college in a small town. Just ask Associate Professor of Political Science Curt Ryan.

After seven years of teaching at Mary Washington College, Ryan is packing his things and moving this fall to a new teaching position at Appalachian State University. He is not moving because the college is too conservative for him, but to be near his wife.

After the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, Ryan spoke at campus-wide events on the nature of Islam, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and Middle East politics. When many Americans wanted a violent retaliation against Afghanistan, Ryan advocated peace, expressing caution over U.S. military involvement in the Middle East.

At a campus peace rally last October, which drew between 60 and 70 people, Ryan said, "It would be hard to imagine a country that has suffered more in the last 20 odd years than Afghanistan. Its population is more than half refugees and it has the highest infant mortality rate on Earth."

An editorial from the Oct. 10 edition of The Free-Lance Star excoriated the professors and students who spoke and attended the peace rallies, calling these individuals "lousy blamers."

Ryan, who noted that the level of tolerance for any kind of dissent radically decreased after the U.S. began its campaign against terrorism, said that he found the editorial to be extremely offensive.

"I don't think they ever mentioned names, but they alluded to professors, and they slammed the student human rights activists," Ryan said, whose areas of specialization include Comparative Politics, International Relations and Middle East Politics. "Their assumption was that being in favor of social justice or peace meant that you were hopelessly naive. It was a really staggeringly arrogant editorial."

Although community members may have disapproved of Ryan's political perspective, campus organizations like the Human Rights Club, Muslim Student Association, and the Multicultural Center invited him to speak at several peace-oriented and teach-in related events.

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Ryan will no longer express his liberal views at Mary Washington College. In the fall he will move to be near his wife Alison Gullely, who teaches English Literature at Lees-McRae College, a neighboring school in North Carolina.

Four years ago Ryan won the Mortar Board Outstanding Faculty Member Award at Mary Washington College. Students say they enjoy his relaxed lecturing style, but the comfortable learning environment he creates in the classroom does not mean his lectures are not substantive.

In fact, he gives out a lot of information to the class, pausing to clarify points and respond to students' questions.

This was apparent on a recent Tuesday morning during the 11 a.m. section of his Introduction to International Relations course. Dressed in jeans and a green button-down shirt with the shirt sleeves pushed back, Ryan strolled into class and wrote an outline of his lecture on Political Economy on the board.

During class, he provided examples of foreign currency by passing around a collection of bills, including Turkish lira, Jordanian dinar, and Syrian and Egyptian pounds. While leaning back against a desk, he joked, "If you get bored in class, you can play with the money."

After discussing how foreign exchange and trade feature into the political economy, Ryan discussed the concept of international regimes, or political systems. He outlined the three major economic institutions which comprise the final part of the international regime: the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, and World Trade Organization (WTO).

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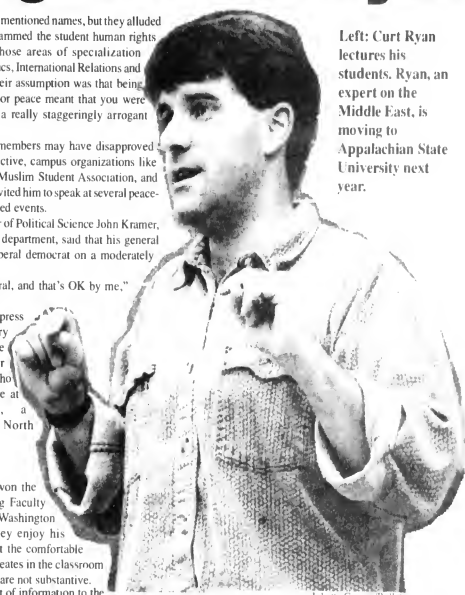
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"In particular, the IMF is so controversial because of its intense conditions," he continued, gesturing to emphasize his point.

"It restructuring a country's economy to increasingly privatize and then the unemployment goes up if the country has to sell state companies."

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Left: Curt Ryan lectures his students, Ryan, an expert on the Middle East, is moving to Appalachian State University next year.



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"I try not to come across as too hard-core in one direction because my general experience has been that I lose half the class that way," he said. "I believe very deeply in giving the class the critical thinking version of these issues plus the conventional version."

Ryan wrapped up his lecture on the issue of globalization by stating that loosely built coalitions, which consist of environmentalists, human rights advocates, and laborers, protest the organizations because they want to either reform the institutions to include their perspectives or to entirely get rid of the global groups.

Students, such as junior Amelia Rose, were impressed with his lecture.

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Although Ryan is a radical thinker, he recognizes the need to tone down his interests in order to get along with other faculty members. For example, in his office in Monroe Hall, he displays a poster of singer Ani DiFranco on the wall behind his desk, but he plays the soft music of jazz pianist Oscar Peterson from his computer.

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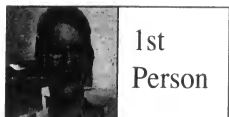
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"This is the first summer in a long, long time that I'm considering not going to the Middle East, just because I desperately feel like I need a break," he said. "I'm also getting tired of being asked to defend a foreign policy I don't support. Pretty much nobody in the Middle East likes U.S. foreign policy and there is so much to be critical of, quite correctly."

As Ryan counts off the days left at Mary Washington College, he says that he will miss the faculty, students, and Human Rights Club members.

"I honestly can't believe I'm leaving," he said. "I didn't expect to get all chokey when I tell people that I'm leaving."

While he starts to think about selling his house, Ryan also speculates on the future of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East.

He said that the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., were a direct result of U.S. foreign policy and what is required of the U.S. now is a long-term commitment to Afghanistan.

"My hope is that, at this point, the war is brought to an end and we get an actual power-sharing government in Afghanistan," he said. "I also hope that the amount of effort that the U.S. puts into the military part could be done in a social and economic development aspect to rebuild the country, but not in an imperial way."

Leather And Mulletts

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And waited.

After 20 minutes, seven servers passed by, but none bothered to claim us as their table. Laura fidgeted and complained about how long the line was getting, and finally a manager passed by and she got his attention.

"What do you want?" he asked.

"Our server," Laura replied.

He offered to take our order back and we waited for our dinner. A couple in their mid-20s sat in the booth next to us. The woman wore a shirt that read "Caller 97" with a radio station's logo under it, and both of them had lime-green backstage passes on their faded jeans. Her blond, puffy bangs bounced in her eyes as she announced to her server, who was at her table within five minutes, that she had won a radio contest and had just met the members of Creed. Laura's face twisted in jealousy.

"We didn't even know who Creed was," her husband drawled into his cell phone. "I guess they're pretty good or something. They had a nice guitar."

Laura's expression turned from jealousy to exasperation. After mumbbling twenty obscenities in a row, she turned to me with an evil grin.

"I'll take the woman," she said.

"You beat up her husband, and we'll pose as them. No one will know."

Sure, no one will know. One problem.

"Laura, I'm not a guy," I said.

She shrugged. "Pull your hair back."

Lesson number two: when attempting to stalk members of the band, dressing as a member of the opposite sex is sometimes necessary.

We waited in the line of 300 people and agonized over whether we would be close enough to be able to figure out which band member was which. We finally got inside and noticed that not even an eighth of the floor had been filled. We ran to the stage, slowly only slightly by the shout of "No running," by an Event Staff Nazi, and plopped down in our chosen space, ten feet away from the catwalk that Scott Stapp would strut along. Success.

I looked at the people around me. There was the man down to my left wearing a Creed T-shirt with the sleeves cut off and a red bandanna covering his mullet. To my right, a group of high school girls were shivering in their black midriff tank tops. And in front of me, a guy in his 20s wearing a windbreaker was taking his earplugs out of his ears and inspecting them.

After the two opening bands, the crowd was antsy, knowing it was almost time to see their idol in leather. The lights dimmed and the bass line thumped. With no warning, the lights came on, flames exploded from the

back of the stage, and Scott Stapp strode down the catwalk. The heat from the flames hit me in waves and that was when the short, greasy haired guy in his late 30s slammed into me. This obviously wasn't a Better Than Ezra concert, but I managed to adjust.

Lesson number three: since every person at the concert is shouting at the top of their lungs, no one can distinguish what any individual is saying. Being the well brought up Southern girl that I am, I shouted the f-word in Mr. Sleazy's direction as loud as possible. He grinned up at me and put his arm around my waist as his girlfriend climbed on his back in an attempt to flash her breasts at the band. He pulled me down to his height and yelled, "Hey baby, I'm real sorry," as his hand moved to my chest.

I pulled away and tried to give him my most annoyed look, and at this point his girlfriend climbed off of him and kicked me in the head with her pointed boot.

The two of them and their friend, a stocky Mr. Clean, moved to my left and started to harass Laura. The girl climbed on Mr. Clean's shoulders and kicked me in the side this time, as Mr. Sleazy groped Laura and whispered in her ear. After about ten minutes, they pushed their way in front of Laura in search of more young women to harass, and she said, "He told me he was reevaluating things with his girlfriend."

As they moved further forward, they picked on a middle-aged woman. Her husband, complete with mullet, faded denim jacket, and white tank top, was standing right beside her. Mullet Man punched Mr. Clean right in the face. He fell backwards onto Laura's shoe, unconscious. A group of Event Staffers grabbed him and forced the three stooges to leave the concert.

After that, I let my guard down and was able to enjoy the concert more than I thought I would. I got into it just as much as Laura did, and rejoiced with her at the end of the concert when the guitarist threw his pick into the crowd and she dove onto the floor to retrieve it.

Although my first huge concert was a success, I found that feeling suffocated by thousands of fans with pyrotechnics abound five feet in front of me is not one of the coolest things in the world. I think I'm going to stick to my smaller, more familiar venues, even if there is a notable absence of fistfights in them.

As for expanding my musical boundaries, I discovered that I might have been a little close-minded in evaluating the musical talents of Creed. The guitarist was much more accomplished than I originally thought. He might have known ten or twelve chords.

Lesson #1: When in pursuit of a spot close to the stage, be prepared to lose life and limb, both in and out of the concert.

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April 12: Bridgewater College

Softball

April 11: at Christopher Newport
April 15: at York College

Men's Lacrosse

April 15: at York College
CAC Tournament

Women's Lacrosse

April 13: at St. Mary's College

Men's Tennis

April 11: Salisbury University
April 14: at Washington College

Women's Tennis

April 16: Sweet Briar College

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Baseball

April 7: Salisbury University
L 12-2
April 8: Bridgewater College
L 4-3

Softball

April 10: Catholic University
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Men's Lacrosse

April 10: Marymount University
W 15-8

Women's Lacrosse

April 10: Salisbury University
W 11-7

Men's Tennis

April 9: Catholic University
W 4-0

Women's Tennis

April 10: Randolph-Macon Coll.
W 9-0

athlete of the week

Emily Nagel

Sophomore lacrosse player scored four goals in the team's victory over Salisbury University.

Ruggers Headed to Nationals

By ALEX LAMBERT
Special to the Bulletin

While many Mary Washington College students went home for Easter weekend, the Women's Rugby Team spent the weekend in Princeton, N.J. at the Mid-Atlantic Rugby Football Union (MARFU) Finals. Over the course of the weekend, the women played two games against Kutztown and former MARFU champions, Loch Haven. Both teams are members of the East Penn Rugby Union. The MWC women beat both teams and are now ranked third in the nation as they make their way to the Elite Eight Tournament next weekend.

However, obstacles such as injuries and insufficient funding have made it difficult for the ruggers to make it this far.

"We've worked so hard since September to make it this far, and while I always knew we could do it, it seems unreal now that it's actually happened," junior Stephanie Plumm said.

The women first faced Kutztown and scored within the first 2.5 minutes of the first half. Unfortunately, Junior Jen Mozolic was forced to leave the game due to a broken collarbone brought on by a tackle. The tackle occurred as Mozolic set the ball in the try zone, in order to score. The rest of the game was a tough battle against Kutztown, a team not known for its clean playing style. Despite this, the MWC women had an excellent attitude and kept up their clean level of play for a 19-12 victory. Senior Liz King scored the other two tries and conversions.

On Sunday, the team faced reigning MARFU champion, Loch Haven. Loch Haven beat MWC 5-0 at last year's

MARFU Finals. The MWC women's team was determined to demonstrate their improvement and ability to win this time around. King scored two tries and Senior Sarah Davis scored one. The women beat Loch Haven 17-10, placing them as the number three seed going into the national tournament.

"I've never seen so many ruggers crying all at once when that final whistle blew and we knew we'd won. No matter how we do in Iowa, this has been the most rewarding season I've ever played, and as a senior, I couldn't imagine a better way to finish off my time at Mary Washington," senior Liz King said.

The team was awarded the first place trophy for Division II and is currently ranked third in the nation. King, an All-American player, was selected the Women's DII Most Valuable Player.

The women's team travels to Cedar Falls, Iowa on the weekend for April 20 for the Elite Eight Tournament. They will play the second ranked team in the nation, University of Minnesota, which has a student body more than ten times that of the college's. They will also play the sixth ranked team, College of Charleston. Only two teams from this tournament advance to the National Tournament Finals in Minnesota.

This team has progressed tremendously on several levels. The players are more focused, they have better skills, and they have a much better understanding of the game," women's rugby coach Bill Lucas said. "But the most progress has been in their confidence and heart. Their willingness to play top Division I teams such as

Fast Fact:

Wearing a wedding ring on the fourth finger of the left hand dates back to ancient Egypt, where it was believed that the vein of love ran from the finger directly to the heart.



Photo Courtesy of Alex Lambert

Members of the women's rugby team hoist the championship trophy.

Penn State, UVA, and JMU exposed them to very high level play was a factor in being able to win at Princeton and have a good chance at Nationals."

The team's goal from the beginning of the year was to win nationals and junior Susie Hobbs was very proud of the team's performance.

"The Princeton games were really fast-paced. I've never seen us play with such

intensity. We stepped it up to a level that I didn't even know we had. It was a blast," Hobbs said.

Despite the team's skills, the road to Iowa is paved with obstacles. This past weekend, Junior Emily Grogg injured her knee and it is still unknown if she will be able to play the rest of the season. Senior Ginny Bach, who also injured her knee, Grogg, and Mozolic are three of the team's top players and their absence from the team will

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Track and Field Race at Division I and II Levels

By KATE STACY
Staff Writer

This past weekend the track and field team competed in the Duke University Invitational, representing Mary Washington College with some record-breaking performances. The meet offered the team an invaluable opportunity to compete against challenging Division I and II programs as well as a few post-collegiate athletes and former Olympians.

"The competition at Duke is the best one we have all year, and it's really exciting to run against, and watch, all the talented athletes," sophomore Rachel Ungerer said.

But the Eagles weren't exactly watching their competition run by. Sophomore discus/hammer thrower Colin Dwyer is confident in his team's ability to compete.

"In many cases our guys and girls did great against the Division I and II athletes, finishing right with them or even ahead of them," Dwyer said.

The team put up some serious competition, breaking school records and putting out solid performances.

For the women's team Erin Haile broke her own school record in the 400H with a time of 1:05.41. Junior Stacie Evans competed in the 200 meter dash and ran a time of 26.43. Ungerer was a member of the 400 meter relay, which ran a time of 49.75. She was also a runner on the 1600 meter relay team which ran a time of 10:14.4 and the 3000 Steeplechase, breaking her own school record with a 12:04.61. Ungerer said she had hoped to achieve her goal of 12

minutes at this past meet but is positive that it is well within her in the two remaining competitions.

"[Twelve minutes] is the National Standard, but I was happy with my performance overall and I'm hoping my time will improve over the next two weeks."

On the men's team, junior Bobby Bergin competed in the high jump with a height of 6'8". Adrian Burke ran the 5000 in 15:57. Dwyer competed in the hammer throw with a 163'8" and in the discus with a 154'1". Jason Hough ran the 1500 in 4:03, sophomore Dustin Yadowich competed in the 800 with a 1:57 and freshman Matt Kirk ran in the 10,000 with a time of 34:08.

Despite cold weather on the second day of competition the team had an incredibly successful meet.

"Friday's performances were better as the weather was warmer," men and women's track coach Dan Soper said.

The wind and cold weather may have hindered performances for all the teams involved in Saturday's events.

Overall the Duke Invitational was a positive success. The college can look forward to some excellent performances by its Track and Field athletes in the two remaining meets of the season. If recent performances and a general attitude of confidence and optimism are any indication, the team hopes to claim the CAC title again this year.



Senior Dana Folta sprints to the finish line.

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Crew Teams Row to Victory

By JANET COOPER

Assistant Sports Editor

On Sunday, April 7, the Mary Washington College men and women's crew teams participated in their first regatta of the spring, the Occoquan Sprint hosted by George Mason University.

The regatta featured over 20 schools, from both Division I and Division III.

After the Bucknell Invitational had been canceled the week before due to high winds, freshman JV rower Becky Capelle said she was more than ready to compete. "When you participate in an outdoor sport, you know you have deal with mother nature, but it's still disappointing not to compete. Since Bucknell got canceled, it was the anticipation higher for Occoquan," Capelle said.

Many of the races did not feature separate heats, but rather numerous final races for each event. For example, the novice women from MWC rowed against four other schools and finished in first place. There were three other races with novice women, however, which meant that four gold medals were given out in total.

The women's JV eight squad finished third in their race, behind only two Division I schools, George Washington and Drexel.

"We didn't have the best first half of the race, but we worked together well in the last half and finished strong to beat Johns Hopkins' boat, one of our competitors in Division III," junior Megan Yuenger said.

The varsity women for MWC took second place in their heat, and then moved on to the Grand final, where they finished a respectable fourth place.

On the men's side seniors Kevin Casey and Chad Herring, junior James Connell and sophomore Ben Kowalk led the MWC men's varsity boat to victory on Sunday. According to head coach Brad Holden, the varsity men had an excellent race, finishing first with a time of 6:56, nearly 14 seconds ahead of the closest competition.

"I don't think any boat could have beaten us," Holden said.

The only boat that did not earn a top four finish at the Occoquan Sprints was the men's novice eight. They placed fifth out of six boats in the race, with a time of 7:05.

The men's varsity pair of Mike Sorgen and David Hye came fourth, finishing in 8:21.5.

After practicing during much of the fall, the crew teams are just beginning to reach the competitive part of the season. As of April 10, the lady Eagles are ranked 19th in the nation for Division III.

"Not a single person on the team hesitates to sacrifice everything in the face of great physical pain to gain a victory for the other members," senior Chad Herring said.

Women's Lacrosse Defeats Salisbury, 11-7



Joel Nelson/Bullet

Junior Kami McNinch cradles past her defender.

By RYAN FINDLEY
Staff Writer

The Mary Washington College women's lacrosse team took the field Wednesday afternoon, not only to the cheers from their own spectators, but also to various loud noisemakers brought by the Salisbury University fans.

Seagull fans flocked together in numbers to watch a hotly contested rivalry in the CAC Conference. However, by the end of the second half the clamor from the Sea Gulls fans was not enough to contend with the plethora of goals the Eagles put on the scoreboard, as they beat Salisbury State in a game that was much closer than the final score of 11-7.

MWC started off slow in the first half, scoring only one goal in the first 20 minutes of play. The game even began to look bleak for the team when Salisbury scored their fourth goal of the game with 10 minutes left in the first half. Down 4-1, Coach Dana Hall quickly called a time out.

"I used the timeout to calm them down," Hall said. "By then I had been able to determine who their weaker players and stick handlers were and told my players to exploit their weaknesses by pressuring them."

Immediately following the timeout, the Eagles scored off a penalty to make the score 4-2. Sophomore Emily Nagel came up with a steal and a big unassisted goal to make the score 4-3.

She followed her second goal of the game with another quick goal off an inbound play, when she blew by her defender to tie the game up at four goals each just before half.

Hall was pleased with her team's response after what became a momentum changing timeout.

"I wish I could bottle up whatever it is I say during our timeouts because it seems like we go out there and score four or five goals immediately after them," Hall said.

The second half featured four lead changes and several controversial calls for both teams.

Meanwhile, the spectators voiced their opinions to the officials. One group of Mary Washington fans was even asked to leave the premises.

However, Salisbury head coach Jim Nestor didn't feel the officiating was a factor in the game.

"The officiating went both ways. We just had a hard time handling their pressure. We also didn't slide fast enough on defense. Mary Washington has a good team and they just beat us today," Nestor said.

It was anybody's game with both teams tied at 6 goals apiece when the Sea Gulls scored with 13:55 on the clock. However, Nagel came up

big again moments later with a steal and another unassisted goal to go along with her hat trick earlier in the game and her assist in the last moments of the game.

"I knew if we didn't pick it up we were going to lose. In the beginning of the game we tried to go one on one with them a lot, but in the second half we started to take control of the game when we started to pass more," Nagel said.

From that moment on, the Eagles never looked back as freshman Erica Larsen, who played for sick teammate sophomore Andi Sasin, scored off of a steal with 6:38 left on

the clock. Sophomore Jessica Goon followed Larsen's goal with a goal of her own to put the Eagles up by two.

Moments later Nagel passed to junior Pam Kramer who then snuck the ball past the Seagulls goaltender for her third goal of the game and put the Eagles up 10-7 with only 1:34 left. The icing on the cake came when senior Briana Gervat scored the Eagles fourth goal in ten minutes to make the final score 11-7.

With a win Wednesday afternoon against Salisbury at the Battlegrounds, the tenth ranked Eagles improve to 9-3 on the season and 4-0 in the CAC Conference. They finish their season this Saturday at 1PM at St. Mary's College against the fifth ranked and undefeated Seahawks, for the top seed in the CAC tournament.

"I wish I could bottle up whatever it is I say during our timeouts because it seems like we go out there and score four or five goals immediately after them"

Coach Dana Hall

Eagles Fall to Bridgewater in Extra-Inning Thriller, 4-3

By MATT MULLER
Staff Writer

The second place Mary Washington College baseball (21-5-1, 6-1 CAC) team lost Monday, April 8 to Bridgewater College (15-12) in a tough 11 inning grudge match, 4-3. The loss will put the Eagles a half game behind Salisbury University for first place in the Capital Athletic Conference.

After going down 2-0 early in the game, MWC responded in the 5th with a three run effort sparked by a two run homer by senior shortstop Mark McEathron. Sophomore first baseman Jay Quintana scored the go-ahead run off of sophomore Jason Sullivan's double.

"We wanted to take the game away," Quintana said. "We knew our pitchers were on [target]. We wanted to put more runs across the plate."

Bridgewater responded in the bottom of the same inning with a run from an MWC error. The score was 3-3 after five innings.

Neither team was able to break open the contest as the two clubs combined for 15 men left on base until the bottom of the 11th, when the Eagles gave up the game winning triple.

Starting pitcher Stefan Schoen, who allowed four hits and three runs (one earned) in 4.1 innings pitched, said "We can't sit back [and] we just can't be hesitant."

"The three conference games this weekend are really the team's emphasis now," Quintana said.

With a doubleheader at York College on Saturday, and a game on Sunday at Catholic University, a first place conference finish seems very much within reach.

The team has a very confident attitude coming into arguably the most difficult stretch of their season.

"We need to keep hitting well," said Schoen.

Strong pitching is also crucial to the team's success. The Eagles have given up fewer than four runs in a game 16 times this season, including six shutouts. MWC is 15-0-1 when pitching this well.

First place in the CAC will not be given up easily, however, as Salisbury has three relatively weaker opponents before the tournament gets underway on April 16. The Eagles will have to go at least 4-1 in the five games leading up to the tournament, in order to host it. "You can't just do one thing and expect to win," Schoen said.

The Eagles will play their next game at home against Southern Virginia College on April 11.

"The three conference games this weekend are really the team's emphasis now"

Jay Quintana

Women's Rugby 3rd in Nation

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have to be overcompensated by extra hard work. This team also faces financial obstacles, unlike other teams.

Since rugby is a club sport, the women's team has a budget that is much smaller than any other sport. It is only \$1750 per semester. The team plans on paying for the plane tickets out of their own pockets, but would like to offset the cost of transportation and hotels once in Iowa. The estimated cost of the total trip to Iowa is over \$10,000. Grogg, the club president, expressed the team's financial concerns.

"It's hard because we pay so much out of our own pocket," Grogg said. "Going to tournaments make us better, however, these cost a lot in terms of lodging, food, tournament fees, and transportation. Our team is very dedicated and pay because they love to play. But we are hopeful that becoming national champions might help us get a larger budget."

Until the team gets a budget increase, they must do several fundraisers a year. The team is holding a raffle in order to fund the trip to Iowa and later, to Minnesota. The raffle tickets are \$1 and the prizes include a \$100 tuxedo rental, free pizza, a bath set, a one-hour massage, cash prizes, and much more. The team also accepts donations.

The team hosts Penn State this Saturday, April 13 at 12:00 pm at the Battlegrounds.



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Players pile up during a recent match.

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▼ Thursday, April 11: Concert. The Underground. Three Fredericksburg area bands. Free.

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top ten movies

1. Panic Room
2. High Crimes
3. Ice Age
4. The Rookie
5. Van Wilder
6. Clockstoppers
7. Blade II
8. Big Trouble
9. E.T.: the Extra-Terrestrial
10. A Beautiful Mind

Opening this weekend: "Changing Lanes," featuring Ben Affleck and Samuel L. Jackson. Also opening is "The Sweetest Thing" starring Cameron Diaz.

source: www.imdb.com

Quote of the Week

"It seems to me, that besides being a little mentally ill, she's pretty normal."

-Sam, "Benny and Joon"

A Little Something For Everyone

Students Gather In New Hall To Learn About Body Art

By HEATHER JONES
Assistant Scene Editor

Like most of my peers, I have been inked and pierced. Despite their prevalence in our everyday lives, how much do we, the body art generation, really know about the holes and patterns we have willingly etched and punched into our bodies?

On Thursday, April 4 at 7:30, in New Hall lobby, approximately 50 students gathered for a question and answer session with M. Seth Abrams, a medical doctor and body piercer, and Letitia Sterling, a tattoo artist and 17-year veteran of the trade. Abrams, better known as Doc, and Sterling, better known by her nickname, Fokie, provided the knowledge and answers to any questions that were offered up by the group. Also, Fokie and Doc gave away four free piercings, a \$50 tattoo, and a \$80 tattoo via raffle.

As I sat on the couch, listening to the questions posed, I began to realize that though I had been through the experiences myself, I knew very little about the safety, hygiene, and skill that goes in to each piercing and tattoo. Furthermore, I knew even less about the community of body piercers and tattoo artists in the area, and what the standard is for a skilled, professional, and safe business.

Fokie, the owner of Alluring Body Creations Tattoo on George Street in downtown Fredericksburg, has 17 years of tattooing under her belt and also owns Army Navy Tattoo in Yorktown. She guarantees any tattoo at her shop by providing free touch ups for life. ABC Tattoos are reasonably priced, and range in price based on size, color and difficulty.

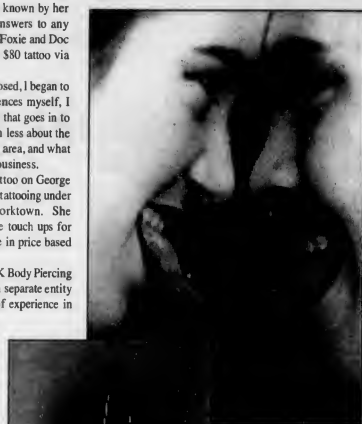
Doc operates UK Body Piercing at ABC. While UK Body Piercing is owned by and located in ABC Tattoo, it is its own separate entity and maintains its own staff. Doc has eight years of experience in piercing, a medical degree, and a very soothing British accent, all of which puts even the most nervous client at ease. Prices are again, very reasonable. Earlobes are \$20, cartilage is \$30, and most basic piercings are \$40. Exotic piercings are more, and usually start at around \$70.

1. Most dyes now are hypoallergenic and made from natural skin pigments. According to Fokie, the dyes of 20 years ago were often mercury based and came in powder form.

"We used to have to mix them up in blenders when I first started tattooing," Fokie said. These days, however, dyes are hypoallergenic and many are made from natural skin pigments of animal products. This greatly reduces the risk of an allergic reaction to the dye, and because they are made from natural skin pigments, the dyes will remain much more vibrant in the skin for a longer period of time.

2. Laser removal is not a quick fix for an unwanted tattoo. So you changed your mind and you don't want that tattoo anymore? Well, there is no quick or complete fix.

"Laser removal still leaves a scar, and can be up to \$1500 per square inch," Fokie said.



photos courtesy of tikemylattoo.com
Piercing: Fun for the whole family.

Though they are trendy, they are permanent, so Fokie said she recommends getting something that will have lifelong significance.

3. Most piercings need to be at least a 14 gauge, if not larger. Any piercing will be pushed out with any gauge smaller than a 14, with the exception of lobes. This happens because any gauge smaller than a 14 is so small that its edges will act like a tiny razor, and, over time, it will slowly cut its way out.

4. Getting an ear cartilage piercing poses no risk of brain damage. Though an often-heard myth, there is no danger of brain damage from a cartilage piercing.

"You have a better chance of getting brain damage from sticking a Q-tip in your ear than from piercing your cartilage," Doc said.

5. Weight gain and loss generally do not affect tattoos or piercings. With the exception of the stomach, most areas of the body will not be able to stretch enough to cause any significant change to a tattoo or piercing. However, weight gain around a belly button piercing can sometimes lead to infection. "Gaining weight can sometimes cause infection, especially in the navel, because sweat will get caught in the folds of the skin," Doc said.

6. Approximately 90 percent of people are allergic to nickel. Nearly all cheap earrings contain nickel, and often can cause serious infection. Doc recommends only using surgical steel to pierce, generally 316L quality.

7. Getting something repierced will NOT be less painful.

"Normal skin is easier to pierce and less painful than scar tissue," Doc said. If a piercing has been allowed to close, repiercing it, depending on the time it has had to heal, will most likely be slightly more painful. However, repiercings generally take less time to heal afterwards, provided that the piercing is taken care of.

8. Tattoo artists practice extensively prior to tattooing on you.

"Some people use pigskin [to practice], and some people use honeydew melon and if it doesn't bruise, you've got the touch," Fokie said. Others practice for years on their friends and family. "Believe it or not, I practiced on my ex-husband," Fokie said.

9. Gloves, newly sterilized needles, fresh ink, and a professional manner will always be used at a reputable parlor. A lot can be judged about a body art studio within the first few moments inside the door. Reputable businesses will have large portfolios of previous work, and employees will be courteous and professional.

"Always check how sterile the environment is and always be comfortable with who is piercing you. If they are flippant or rude, or you are in any way uncomfortable with them, walk out," Doc said. Prior to being tattooed, Fokie also said she encourages that a prospective client should insist on seeing a fresh set-up being made.

"If a studio doesn't break that needle open right in front of you, walk out," Fokie said.

10. Tattoos are not just for motorcycle gangs and sailors.

"It's not the drunken sailors anymore. I've tattooed doctors, lawyers, and believe it or not, I've tattooed ministers. People are finally starting to come around and to see it for what it is, art," Fokie said.

"Cosby" Captivates College Kids

By CAROLINE S. WALLINGER
Assistant News Editor

I haven't been getting a lot of sleep lately. One may suspect that this would be because as a graduating senior I have a lot of work to do. I have papers to write, books to read and tests to take. While it is true I have these projects to work on, my lack of sleep does not stem from dedication to my studies.

Instead, I have found myself glued to my television nearly every night at midnight, tuned to Nick at Nite, waiting to see which episode of "The Cosby Show" I will get to watch. Each time I eagerly await to see what sweaters Cliff will wear, since he has some fabulous sweaters, what ladies Theo will chase, what hairstyle Denise will sport and what kind of trouble Rudy and Peter will get into.

I'm not alone in my "Cosby Show" addiction, however, as many of my hallmates join me nightly to

talk each episode over and decide which ones are the best - we even have our favorite characters. We watched the show every week when we were younger, and now we can watch up to five times a day on Nick at Nite or TBS.

Background

"The Cosby Show" began as a six episode pilot show on NBC. ABC had rejected the idea and refused to pick it up, claiming that America wasn't ready for a sitcom about an affluent African American family with a doctor and a lawyer at the head of the family. After topping the Nielsen ratings for all six weeks of the starter contract, and quickly attaining the largest audience in television, the show continued on NBC for the next eight years, airing nearly every Thursday night at 8 p.m. From 1984 to 1992 Bill Cosby controlled prime time television, families made time to sit down together and see what the Huxtables were up to each week.

"The Cosby Show" portrays a well-to-do African-American family living in Brooklyn. Cliff Huxtable, played by Bill Cosby, is an obstetrician, while his wife Clair, played by Phylicia Rashad, is a successful attorney. The happy couple's five children are Sondra, Denise, Vanessa, Theo and Rudy. Late in the series, Denise acquires a daughter, Olivia, through marriage, and Sondra marries and has twins.

Bill Cosby said he wanted the show to make a statement about black American families. "I wanted a show that presented black people in a light you don't often see: I loved my wife. I loved my kids. They loved us. It's not up to me to say if I accomplished that. You tell me. Did I?" he asked.

Show Favorites

Everyone has his or her own favorite character on "The Cosby Show." My favorite character is Cliff. I like him because he holds the show together, and he has style. He struts across the screen, dances, rolls his eyes, laughs, and he's always in trouble with Clair for one reason or another.

"Cliff was consistently funny," said senior Andrew Everton, who also likes Bill Cosby's character the best. "Theo went through periods where he was

annoying, and Rudy eventually reached the point where she was always annoying, but Cliff was always really funny."

Senior Jen Lukas likes Clair the best for her excess of attitude.

"Clair is my role model," Lukas said. "My favorite Cosby kid is Theo though. He's consistent, and watching him and Cliff interact kept me laughing."

Pretty much everyone loves the young Rudy, but some don't like the elder Rudy as much.

"She was fine when she was young and cute," Everton said. "But when she grew up she got annoying."

The award for favorite episode was generally unanimous from my friends. Almost everyone picked the episode where Theo found out about the "real world" as their favorite episode.

"Cliff dressed up as the landlord and called himself Harvey Weewax, Rudy was Mrs. Griswold the banker and the owner of the apartment, and Clair had a southern accent. It was hilarious," Everton said.

When Did It Go Downhill?

So if the show was so outstanding, why did it come to an end?

"The Cosby Show" died the day they introduced Olivia," Everton said.

Smith agreed with the vote against Olivia.

"She was a devil child," Smith said.

Other votes, both on campus and online, go for when Rudy hit puberty, when cousin Pam came on the show, played by Erika Alexander, and when Denise left the show.

A good percentage of people say the show never went downhill, though, and they, like me, lament its passing. Obviously every show couldn't be outstanding for a span of eight years, but I think "The Cosby Show" came closer to perfection than any other sitcom I've seen, even "Friends." Somehow I doubt Bill Cosby would ever ask for \$1 million an episode like the greedy "Friends" actors. So, as long as I can stay awake, and as long as Nick at Nite continues to air the show, I will be awake and entertained from midnight to 1 a.m. every weeknight for my Cosby fix. Exams, you say? What exams?



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The whole Huxtable family.

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 "Atlantis, because it's lost and so am I." - Meera Murgai, fresh.
 "Paradise City, because the grass is green and the girls are pretty." - Kevin Wallace, fresh.

Emerson's "Pinion" Makes A Campus Cameo

By DEVIN WAIS
Staff Writer

Assistant Professor of English Claudia Emerson celebrated the release of her second book, "Pinion: An Elegy," with a reading, book signing and reception in the Great Hall last Thursday. It was sponsored by the Department of English, Linguistics and Speech and students in Emerson's creative writing seminar.

After an introduction by three of her students, Emerson took the podium and read portions of Pinion, a group of lyric poetry that works together to form a long poem about a family living on a tobacco farm in the 1920s. The poem is narrated by the younger sister, Rose, whom Emerson relates to herself, in the voices of Prescher and Sister, Rose's brother and sister.

Emerson said that the story was much more than just thought.

"[It is] also a story about being trapped in and by a place, being trapped by the roles that we are sometimes born to, and escaping from them once in awhile."

With approximately 70 people in attendance, Emerson thanked her students and colleagues for their patience over the past few years, especially concerning the development of her story.

"A lot of you have been so patient in listening to me talk about Sister for years. I've been writing her ever since I came here, so some of you have heard me talk before," Emerson said.

Emerson also thanked the supportive community that has allowed her to prosper as a writer, her students for allowing her to talk about her work all the time, and her colleagues and neighbors for helping her read the manuscript.

Before Emerson began her reading, Creative Writing seminar student Mary Kovaleski, a senior, delivered a poem that the seminar students had written for Emerson.

"It's really important that our college recognizes the kind of talent we have on campus," said Kovaleski before the poem was presented.

Senior Cynthia Lotze, who is not in the Creative Writing seminar, presented Emerson with a book of thoughts and poems. Seminar student Brian Roinestad, also a senior, formally introduced Emerson and listed her awards, nominations and honors.

"One thing that rivals Professor Emerson's skill as a poet is her skill as an educator," Roinestad said.

The reading and book signing were the English, Linguistics and Speech department's original plans, but the Creative Writing seminar secretly planned the

decorations and refreshments with help from the department. Paul's Bakery surprised Emerson with a cake with the book cover on top and a champagne fountain, spouting sparkling cider.

Senior Ira Sharp, another seminar student, provided the decorations of white lights, silver balls, and feathers to commemorate the cover of Emerson's book. The ELS department paid Emerson \$100 for her reading, and the rest was completed by the students.

"It's real fun for me," Emerson said during the reading. "I've never even had a wedding with a champagne fountain."

Emerson was nominated for a Pushcart Prize for the poem "The Admirer" and a 1998 Pulitzer Prize for her first book, "Pharoah, Pharoah." Her work has been published in many journals, including "Shenandoah," "The Louisville Review," "Poetry," "Ploughshares," "The Southern Review," and "The Southern Poetry Review."

Roinestad praised Emerson's work.

"Professor Emerson in all of her work reveals to us the utmost beauty of the written word. She is constantly inventing new ways to describe the elemental reality of the world in which we live," said Roinestad. "However, after taking her class, one thing is clear, she is far too modest."



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Emerson with her book, "Pinion."

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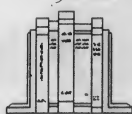
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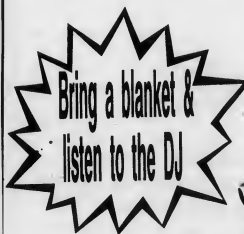


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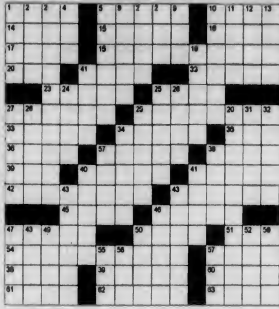
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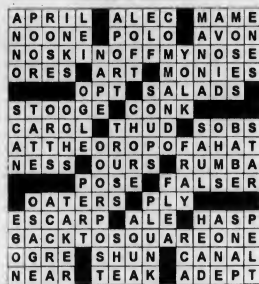
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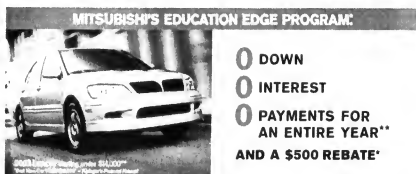
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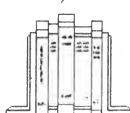
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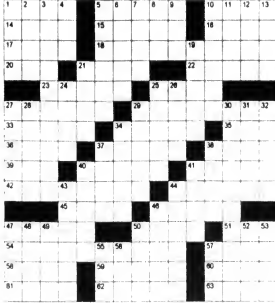
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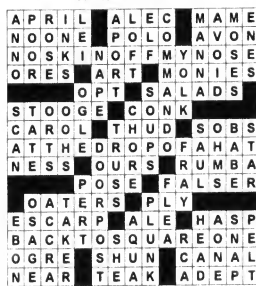
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Trojan Women
-duPont Hall
-April 4 - 14
-Th, Fri, Sat @ 8pm
-Sunday @ 2pm
-\$2 MWC
Sports
-baseball 3pm
vs. Southern VA
-Men's tennis 3:30p
vs. Salisbury Univ.
-Battleground
Concert:
-Skywave,
Emerald Down, &
The Alcan Blue
-Underground
-9pm
-free w/ MWC ID
Students Against the
Death Penalty
-Custis basement
-9pm

Friday
12

Cooking w/ Kyle
-College Bookstore
-11 30am - 1.30pm
-free samples
Baseball:
-vs. Bridgewater
-Battleground
-3pm
Fencing
-Goolrick Auxillary
-5pm

Saturday
13

Spring Formal
-meet in front of
GW
-buses leave at
10 30pm - 3am
Daybreak
-help special
need kids
-1300 Augustine
-2pm - 5pm

Sunday
14

Finance
Committee
-Conference room
-free food
-Meeting Rm 2
-7pm
-5pm - 6pm
Fencing
-Goolrick
Auxillary
-5pm

Monday
15

BSA Week
Member
appreciation
-free food
-Meeting Rm 2
-5pm - 6pm
-8pm - 11pm
MWC Greens
-Custis
basement
-9pm
Fencing
-Goolrick
Auxillary
-5pm

Tuesday
16

BSA Week
Lyrics Lounge
-open mic
-Underground
-8pm - 11pm
MWC Greens
-Custis
basement
-9pm
Fencing
-Goolrick
Auxillary
-5pm

Wednesday
17

BSA Week
James Farmer
Celebration
-Red Room
-7pm - 9pm
Bonjour
-French hour
-Westmoreland
-8pm
Tertulia
-Spanish hour
-Westmoreland
3rd floor
-9pm

Performing Arts
Club presents
Suspended Images
-Dodd
-8pm
-\$2 MWC
-\$5 public

Performing Arts
Club presents
Suspended Images
-Dodd
-4pm
-\$2 MWC
-\$5 public

Break Dancing
-Goolrick, studio 4
-8pm

Phi Beta Kappa Inducts New Members



Left: MWC Alumni Marion Blakey and Pamela White Pose at the Phi Beta Kappa Monument on campus. The prestigious honor society inducted new members on April 7.

Right: Marion Blakey enjoys the food at the Phi Beta Kappa Induction Ceremony with her family.



Left: New inductees surround the monument at the ceremony.



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Survey Shows Learning Communities Are Successful

By CAROLINE S. WALLINGER
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A recent study conducted by the college shows that first-year students who participate in learning communities have an easier time making the transition to college life.

According to the survey, students in the learning communities "were more likely to report experiencing a good adjustment to college, had a better idea of what they wanted to major in, and spent more of their time studying or doing homework." In addition, the students who participated in the learning communities have achieved higher grade point averages than students who did not take part.

The survey indicated that students in the learning communities averaged a GPA of 2.92 as compared to 2.6 in the matched control group, and a 2.76 average in the random control group. Also, 100 percent of the people who participated in the learning community and answered the survey said they planned to return to Mary Washington College next year, as compared to only 90 percent in the matched control and 91 percent in the random group.

However, the survey also indicated that members of learning communities spent less of their time in student clubs, organizations or community service groups. None of the learning community respondents said they spent more than 15 hours in such activity as compared to 15 percent of the matched group and four percent of the random group.

"It was a highly gratifying experience," Vice President For Planning, Assessment and Institutional Research Roy Weinstock said. "The survey itself was designed to be answerable by anyone in the freshman class, it wasn't slanted toward learning communities in any way."

Senior Kyle Whiteley served as a student member of the Student Enrollment and Retention committee, and said that the student members had an important role in the process. "We were there to offer feedback from the student perspective on how the learning

communities were going to be created," Whiteley said.

Whiteley liked the idea for learning communities because he said he felt they would help new students get used to college life.

"You get a social structure to rely on for assignments and general information about coursework," Whiteley said. "For instance, if you have to miss a class one day, it would be easier to get the notes from someone and catch up."

Freshman Christine Hendrix participated in the Language and Culture community, and said that it had pros and cons.

"Like that it automatically gives you a reference group, and that it automatically gives you 15 friends, but after two semesters, those 15 friends can start to get on each other's nerves," Hendrix said.

Daniel Bowers also participated, but he was a member of the Clockwork Universe group, focusing on math and science.

"It was basically like joining an already formed study group, because we all had the same classes and we lived together," Bowers said. "The only thing that I can see wrong with it is that some people didn't get a room in the same building as us so they seem a little excluded."

Laura Shea, another member of the Clockwork Universe group, lives in Virginia Hall away from the rest of her group in Jefferson.

"It doesn't really bother me. It's kind of nice to have some space and not have to see the same people all day," Shea said. "I like that when I first got to school I knew who to call when I wanted to study."

Shea added that she didn't see that the communities had a huge effect.

"They don't really make that much difference," she said. "A lot of times we don't really do much together because we find our own group of people."

Phil Hall, vice president for Academic Affairs and member of the committee, said that the idea for

learning communities originated last year.

"The idea began as a discussion in the committee last year," Hall said. "It came from a pretty rich collection of literature across the country on how these communities can help students in a variety of ways."

According to Hall, the program was designed to have a "residential and an academic component." Efforts to set the program up began in the summer of 2000 and the program launched in the fall.

Weinstock also served on the committee and developed the survey.

"The idea was to see first and foremost if the learning community experience had an affect on students involved, and our hope was that if there was an effect it was a positive one," Weinstock said. "We sent the survey out to three different groups. The first group was comprised of students who took the survey, the second was called a matched control group, which means we looked on a student to student basis at high school records, GPA, type of high school, gender and so on to get similar people who didn't take part in the communities, and the third group was a random control group selected from the entire freshman class."

Hall said that on the basis of their success this year, the learning communities will continue next year, in modified form.

"There will be more of them next year, for one thing," Hall said. "Also, this year students volunteered to take part in the communities, next year, we will look at which students registered for the same block of classes, and choose them for learning communities that way."

An example for this process would be that two students who both registered for Sociology 200, Spanish 201 and English 101 would both become part of the Language, Literature and Culture learning community and would most likely live in the same dorm.

"In other words, students will show up next year and find that they have been committed (sic)," Hall said.

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